

SITUATION REPORT NO. 6
INCIDENT NO. 2000-112
DATE: January 30, 2001 TIME: 9:00 a.m.

TO: Governor John Hoeven
State Capitol
Bismarck, N.D. 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Severe Weather -- rain, freezing rain, snow, wind, tornadoes and winter storms in November 2000 impacted western, north central and eastern North Dakota, causing power outages, as well as road and school closures.
2. DEATHS AND INJURIES: No change from previous reports.
3. DAMAGES: No change from previous reports.
4. RESOURCES:

LOCAL: No change from previous reports.

STATE: No change from previous reports.

FEDERAL: No change from previous reports.
5. VOLUNTEER ACTION: No change from previous report.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: State and federal Public Assistance staff conducted applicant briefings on January 18 and 19 for Rural Electric Cooperatives (RECs) and Rural Electric Associations (REAs) eligible to participate in FEMA-DR-1353-ND. Notices of interest to participate in the Public Assistance Program have been received by one REA and 10 RECs. A Major Presidential Disaster Declaration, issued December 29, made available Public Assistance to eligible Rural Electric Cooperatives and Rural Electric Associations that provide service in the following counties:

Burke-Divide -- Divide County
Cavalier Electric -- Cavalier and Ramsey Counties
McKenzie -- McKenzie and Golden Valley Counties
Minnkota -- Cavalier and Ramsey Counties
Mountrail-Williams -- Williams County
Nodak Electric -- Ramsey County
Northern Plains -- Benson, Ramsey & Towner Counties

Slope Electric -- Bowman County
Goldenwest -- Golden Valley County
Lower Yellowstone -- Williams County
Sheridan -- Divide County

State Emergency Management officials expect the declaration to provide about \$800,000 to \$900,000 to the impacted RECs and REAs to repair damages from the November events.

State Hazard Mitigation staff recently met with members of the North Dakota Association of Rural Electric and Telephone Cooperatives to discuss eligibility requirements of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP).

A Virtual Disaster Field Office (DFO) has been established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Regional Operations Center in Denver. The FEMA/State Agreement has been signed by Governor John Hoeven and FEMA Region VIII Regional Director (Acting) Douglas A. Gore.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: No additional assistance has been requested at this time.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: FEMA has provided technical assistance staff to support the PDA, applicant briefings and recovery process.
9. OTHER: Situation Reports published by North Dakota Emergency Management are posted on the Division's Internet home page. The address is <http://www.state.nd.us/dem>.

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